



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masashi UEDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2626

Application No.: 09/534,028

Examiner: T. Lett

Filed: March 24, 2000

Docket No.: 105823

For: CALIBRATION DATA SETTING DEVICE

APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Lett and Williams in the July 15 personal interview. The following is Applicants' separate record of the personal interview conducted July 15, 2004.

During the personal interview, Applicants' representative traversed the objection to the drawings. Applicants' representative explained to Examiners Lett and Williams that the various claimed units corresponded to the various computers, CPUs, and memories (hard disks and HDDs). Applicants' representative further explained that the correlation between the claimed units and the figures was evident from the specification. Examiners Lett and Williams indicated that Applicants' arguments would likely overcome the objection. However, Examiner Lett indicated that he would like to review the specification and drawings one more time before withdrawing the objection.

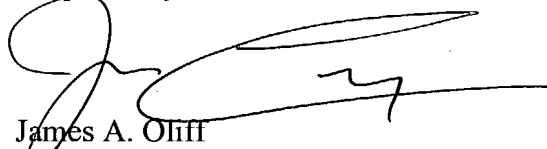
Applicants' representative traversed the rejection of claims 1, 2, 8, 15, 17, 18, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, by arguing that it was clear from the specification that

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the condition preparing unit and the characteristic setting unit may be part of a computer (CPU). Thus, the relationship between the condition preparing unit, the characteristic setting unit, and the CPU is clear. Again, Examiners Lett and Williams indicated that Applicants' arguments would likely overcome the rejection. However, Examiner Lett indicated that he would like to review the specification one more time before withdrawing the rejection.

Finally, during the personal interview Applicants' representative explained that Applicants had amended claims 1, 2, 8, and 17-24 and canceled claims 15 and 16. Thus, the remaining §102(e) and §103(a) rejections were moot because the features of allowable claim 16 are incorporated into claims 1 and 24. Thus, all of pending claims 1, 2, 8, and 17-24 are allowable. Examiners Lett and Williams agreed to withdraw the rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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